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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 420.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS TO COMPLETE APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated July 12, 2001, enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1) Copy of form PTO-1533,
- 2) An copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney,
- 3) A set of drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84,

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the filing fee and surcharge. Please charge any deficiencies in payment and credit any overpayments to attorney's deposit account no. 23-1951.

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